

Your Guide for

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Survey

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SURVEY QUESTIONS

LIST OF RESIDENTS. List the name of each person who lives at this address. If you are not sure if you should list a person, see the guidelines on page 2 of the form. If you are still not sure, call **1-800-354-7271** for help.

In the space labeled **Person 1**, print the name of the household member living or staying here in whose name the house or apartment is owned, being bought, or rented.

If there is no such person, any adult household member can be **Person 1** on the List of Residents.

If there are more than five people in your household, please list the names of the additional people on the lines at the bottom of pages 2 and 3. Complete this form for the five people listed on the List of Residents, and mail it back in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible. An interviewer will telephone to obtain the information for the additional persons.

ANSWER PERSON QUESTIONS 1 THROUGH 6 FOR THE FIRST FIVE PEOPLE ON THE LIST OF RESIDENTS.

1. Mark one box to indicate whether the person is male or female.
2. For each person, print the age at last birthday (print "00" for babies less than 1 year old). Also print the month, day, and year of birth.
3. Mark the appropriate category to describe the relationship of each person to **Person 1**. If the person is related to **Person 1** by birth, marriage, or adoption, but is not the **Husband or wife, Son or daughter, Brother or sister, Father or mother, Grandchild, or In-law**, of Person 1, mark the "**Other relative**" box. Therefore, a niece or nephew of Person 1 would be categorized as "**Other relative**." A parent-in-law, son/daughter-in-law, or brother/sister-in-law of Person 1 would be categorized as an "**in law**."

If a person is a stepchild or an adopted child of Person 1, mark the "**Son or daughter**" box.

If a person is **not** related to Person 1, mark the applicable box. A "**Roomer or boarder**" is someone renting a room/space in the house. A "**Housemate or roommate**" is someone sharing the house/apartment (but who is not romantically involved) with Person 1. An "**Unmarried partner**," also known as a domestic partner, is a person who shares a close personal relationship with Person 1. A "**Foster child**" is someone under the age of 18 who is involved in the formal foster care system. For all other people who are not related to person 1 mark "**Other nonrelative**".

4. Mark the "**Now married**" box for a married person regardless of whether his or her spouse is living in the household **unless** they are separated. If the person's only marriage was annulled, mark the "**Never married**" box.
5. A person is of Spanish/Hispanic/Latino origin if the person's origin (ancestry) is Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Argentinean, Colombian, Costa Rican, Dominican, Ecuadoran, Guatemalan, Honduran, Nicaraguan, Peruvian, Salvadoran, from other Spanish-speaking countries of the Caribbean or Central or South America, or from Spain.

The term **Mexican Am.** refers to persons of Mexican-American origin or ancestry.

If you mark the "**Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino**" box, print the name of the specific group.

If a person is not of Spanish/Hispanic/Latino origin, answer this question by marking the "**No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino**" box.

This question should be answered for **ALL** persons, regardless of citizenship status.

